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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

Proposed Modification to the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

WHO:

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Carlsbad Field Office and

Washington TRU Solutions LLC (WTS)

WHAT:

DOE and WTS will conduct public meetings to provide information on the following

requested permit modification. There will be a 60-day public comment period

beginning on July 8, 2004.

WHEN:

Tuesday, August 10, 2004

5 - 7 p.m.

WHERE:

Skeen-Whitlock Building

4021 National Parks Highway

Carlsbad, New Mexico

Thursday, August 12, 2004 2-4 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.

Courtyard by Marriott 3347 Cerrillos Road

Santa Fe, New Mexico

On July 2, 2004, DOE submitted the following Class 2 permit modification request to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED).

Procedure for Consideration of Tank Waste at WIPP (Clas s 2) — this modification request will establish a procedure for approving the disposal of transuranic (TRU) mixed waste from tanks that has ever been managed as high-level waste. The proposed procedure will prohibit WIPP from accepting and disposing of this tank waste unless it has been approved by NMED though a Class 3 permit modification. Any such waste approved for disposal at WIPP as the result of a permit modification will still be required to meet all WIPP waste acceptance criteria (i.e., no liquids, ignitables, corrosives, etc).

HOW:

To obtain additional information concerning this permit modification request, contact Mr. Bobby St. John, WTS, at 1-800-336-9477. The permit modification is also available on the WIPP Web site at http://www.wipp.ws and at the WIPP Information Center, Skeen-Whitlock Building, 4021 National Parks Highway, Carlsbad, New Mexico. A copy of the requested permit modification also may be obtained from NMED at the address listed below.

COMMENT: Written comments for the record must be sent to the NMED contact person at the address below and received no later than 5 p.m. on September 7, 2004.

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The Permittees' compliance history during the life of the permit being modified is available from Mr. Zappe at NMED.

QUESTION: Questions or comments for the Permittees regarding this permit modification may be be sent to Mr. Bobby St. John, P.O. Box 2078, Carlsbad, NM 88221, no later than

August 30, 2004.